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Response to Amendment

1. This Office communication is in response to the amendment, arguments, and drawings filed on July 31, 2003.
2. However, the abovementioned reply submitted by the applicant is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims and to the drawings are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003. In particular, the amendment to the drawings is explained on the same sheet as the introductory comments to the entire reply, whereas each section of the amendments (i.e., amendments to the drawings, amendments to the claims, etc.) must begin on a separate sheet. None of the replacement drawing sheets is identified in the top margin thereof as "Replacement Sheet" as required. Also, the text of the respective pending withdrawn claims is not presented as part of the listing of the claims as required. Finally, in the amendments to the claims, strikethroughs of commas and other punctuation marks which are not easily perceived as such [see the struckthrough comma in line 1 of claim 4] must be deleted using double brackets instead of via strikethrough. The above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**
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